Production of cotton

285. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of cotton during the last four years, year-wise,

(b) how much cotton has been given to the powerloom and handloom sectors separately during the said period; and

(c) the capacity of powerloom and handlook sectors separately and their capacity utilization for producing textile?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Production of cotton in the country during the last 4 years was as follows:

Year	Production of cotton in lakh bales (1 bele=170 kgs)
1990-91	117.00
1991-92	119.00
1992-93	135.00
1993-94	121.50

(b) Powerloom and Handloom sectors do not consume cotton directly. They use yarn manufactured out of cotton.

(c) Information regarding capacity and capacity utilisation for producing textiles in powerloom and handloom sector is not maintained.

CBI investigation into contract to Bagiya Restaurant

286. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) on what terms the ITDC authorities had given a contract to Bagiya restaurant;

(b) was the normal procedure adopted;

(c) how many tenders came and which one was the lowest; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to ask the CBI to conduct an investigation into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) A Contract for licensing out space in the lawns of Ashok Yatri Niwas for running a Barbe-que (Bagiya) Restaurant, was awarded on Nov. 1994 to M/s Excel Hotels & Restaurants Inc. for a period of 3 years on charging licence fee @ 21% of the sales proceeds of the restaurant subject to a minimum guaranteed amnount of Rs. 3.01 lakhs per annum.

(b) According to information received from ITDC, normal proceudre was dully followed.

(c) Tenders for the said restaurant were invited four times. A total of twelve offers were received in response to all the four advertisements put together. The lowest offer was for Rs. 0.72 lakhs per annum.

(d) An enquiry has been ordered into the awarding of the Contract and on receipt of the Enquiry Report, further decision will be taken.

Telecast of Tulu programmes from AIR, Bangalore Kendra

287.SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio, Bangalore Kendra has recently launched a Tulu programme to be aired every week for a very short duration; and

(b) whether considering that there is a vast popualtion of more than 35 lakhs speaking Tulu in Dakshin Kennada area, the Government would make it a daily feature to broadcast Tulu news/programmes from its Mangalore Kendra and make available adequate studio/production facilities both at Bangalore and Mangalore AIR Kendras for production of Tulu features?